Mr. Razvi.—

On what principles are the rates levied?

Second Member of Council.—

According to the principles mentioned in the Survey Manual.

Mr. Razvi.—

In the list you have given only average rates. The individual rates which might be heavy are not given.

Survey Superintendent.—

It is not possible.

Mr. Deve Gowda.—

Is it right to increase the rate in Koppa ? There is no *khushki* there.

Second Member of Council.—

It is not a supplementary question.

Mr. Deve Gowda.—

Why is the rate increased ?

Second Member of Council.—

We want notice.

Mr. Deve Gowda.—

Koppa and Mudigere are Malnad. Should not Government encourage wet cultivation there ?

Second Member of Council.—

That is a matter of opinion.

MESSRS. M. RAMEGOWDA (Chintamani Taluk), V. R. CHICKCHANNANJAPPA SETTY (Kolar Municipality), J. S. THIMMARAYA SETTY (Minority Interest), VENKATARAMEGOWDA (Mulbagal Taluk), N. G. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI (Chikballapur Taluk), and DODDARAMEGOWDA (Kolar Taluk).—

Q.—10. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether weights and measures are uniform in the State; if not, is it not a loss to the public as well as Government ?

(2) Whether this was not discussed in this Assembly on various occasions; if so, the reasons for not having settled this matter finally ?

(3) Whether it is possible to issue at a very early date standard weights and measures and enforce their usage in the interest of both the Government and the public; if not, the time required to dispose it of?

(4) As at present a Khandi has varying measures, *viz.*, 160, 180, 200, 210 and 220 seers in the State, whether it is not possible to standardise a Khandi to measure 180 seers uniformly all over the State?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—10. (1) No. It is desirable to have uniform weights and measures.

(2) Yes. The subject is under active consideration. Many important details essential to the successful working of the scheme are receiving attention.

(3) It is proposed to enforce the use of certified weights and measures in the cities of Bangalore, Mysore and Davangere in the first instance. Steps are being taken to see that a sufficient supply of certified weights and measures are made available to the public at reasonable prices.

(4) Under the rules proposed to be brought into force the Khandi will be 160 seers.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

What are the arrangements made for supplying certified weights and measures?

First Member of Council.—

Rules have been framed under the Regulation. The measures necessary for bringing them into force are under consideration.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Is there a system of certifying measures?

First Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Do you know that there is difference in measures now used?

First Member of Council.—

Yes.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

What is this due to?

First Member of Council.—

Because certification is not compulsory now.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Has it come to your notice that there is difference even in certified measures?

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

When there are no certified measures, have there not been instances where persons using wrong measures are prosecuted?

First Member of Council.—

Yes; one or two such instances have come to notice.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Was it right to have prosecuted them?

First Member of Council.—

No; not for very slight differences. On a representation received from the Merchants' Association, necessary instructions have been issued.

Mr. H. C. Dasappa.—

Are Government prepared to withdraw the conviction in such cases?

Second Member of Council.—

If there is an appeal, we will consider and if the prosecution is frivolous, it may be withdrawn.

Mr. Subbaramachetty.—

Are all the measures manufactured already sold?

First Member of Council.—

No. The price of seamless measures is somewhat high.

Mr. Subbaramachetty.—

Then why not reduce the price ?

First Member of Council.—

Some reduction has been made.

Mr. Subbaramachetty.—

You state that in certain taluks you will try to enforce the use of correct measures. You also say that the prices of seamless measures are very high. Then how do you solve the difficulty ?

First Member of Council.—

Those who use measures have to get them certified and stamped.

Mr. Subbaramachetty.—

How long would it take to manufacture Government measures and weights ?

First Member of Council.—

We are arranging to have some sets of weights made and offered for sale. As for measures, those who manufacture or use them will have to get them stamped and certified.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

How many sets of measures were got manufactured from the Metal Factory ?

First Member of Council.—

About 20,000 sets.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

What is the cost ?

First Member of Council.—

I do not remember.

Mr. Gurumurthiachar.—

Whether the use of wrong measures is a loss or gain has not been answered.

Second Member of Council.—

To some it is a loss and to others it is a gain.

Mr Gurumurthiachar —

When can you bring the use of uniform weights and measures into force ?

First Member of Council.—

As soon as possible.

Mr. Gurumurthiachar.—

Where is the difficulty in introducing the use of uniform measures and weights in all parts of the State ?

First Member of Council.—

There are difficulties and some time will be required to remove them.

Mr. E Krishnappa —

Is any periodical inspection made until the rules are brought into force ?

First Member of Council.—

It is not possible to inspect all the measures in use.

Mr. E. Krishnappa —

Will you insist upon the submission of a report by the local officers as to the weights and measures used ?

First Member of Council.—

It is not possible.

Mr. Jatra Naik.—

The weights and measures used by mandi merchants and by the raiyats widely differ. The merchants adopt a higher measure for their purchases and a smaller one for sales. Is there no remedy for this ?

First Member of Council.—

,, The new law is the remedy.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Do you prescribe weights according to English pounds or Mysore seers ? If the latter, what action are you going to take if merchants give weights by pounds ?

Second Member of Council —

We will not interfere with the foreign weights. We will arrange for a standard weight based on 24 tolas. If there is any difference in that weight, we can take action. If in the course of conversion of pounds into seers you find any difference, you can lodge a complaint. We cannot say that no body should transact business using pounds.

Representations.

No. 1.—Increase of mileage rate for officials.

Messrs. A. V. Suryanarayana Setty and M. N. Naganna, Arkalgud Taluk.

MESSRS. SURYANARAYANA SETTY and NAGANNA represented that the rate of mileage allowed to officials getting less than Rs. 40 did not cover the actual expenses in most cases. They requested that the present rate of 2 annas per mile might be increased to 4 annas.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL replied that there was Bus service everywhere now and that the mileage rate for Bus being within one anna, there was not much difficulty.

MR. E. KRISHNAPPA thought that it would be better if the actual Bus fare was paid in all cases irrespective of the pay of the officials.

THE DEWAN promised to examine the question.

No. 2 —Increasing the pay of Ministerial and Menial Staff.

Messrs. Abdul Nabi Saheb, Suranige Sidda Basappa, Shikarpur Taluk ; B. Gopalachar, Katte Dacappa, Thudki Ramanna Gowda, Thirthahalli Taluk; and J. Sivarudrappa, Honnali Taluk.

MESSRS. SIDDA BASAPPA, GOPALACHAR, HUTCHAVEEREGOWDA and other members represented that the pay of poor officials was not sufficient for even bare existence, that they had to pay high rents for their houses and in certain cases officials found it difficult to find food and clothing even for their children. They therefore requested that their pay might be increased.